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Abstract

We present preliminary results on the search for quark-lepton compositeness using the Drell-Yan process in $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV. If quarks and leptons were composite with common substructure, the dielectron mass spectrum would show an excess in the high mass region relative to the Standard model. We observe no such excess. We set a 95% confidence level lower limit on the compositeness scale using a contact interaction model.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Measurement of the Drell-Yan differential cross section in the high dielectron invariant mass region provides a test for quark and lepton compositeness. If quarks and leptons were composite with common substructure, they will interact, thus modifying the cross section predicted by the Standard Model. Interaction between these constituents well below the energy scale of compositeness Λ can be described by an effective four fermion contact interaction.

A general contact interaction lagrangian [3], [4] is written as

$$\begin{aligned} L = \frac{g_0}{\Lambda^2} & \left\{ \eta_{LL}^0 (\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu q_L) (\bar{l}_L \gamma_\mu l_L) + \eta_{LL}^1 (\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu \frac{\tau_a}{2} q_L) (\bar{l}_L \gamma_\mu \frac{\tau_a}{2} l_L) \right. \\ & + \eta_{LR}^u (\bar{l}_L \gamma^\mu l_L) (\bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu u_R) + \eta_{LR}^d (\bar{l}_L \gamma^\mu l_L) (\bar{d}_R \gamma_\mu d_R) \\ & + \eta_{RL}^e (\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu q_L) (\bar{e}_L \gamma_\mu e_L) \\ & + \eta_{RR}^u (\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) (\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) + \eta_{RR}^d (\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu d_R) (\bar{e}_R \gamma_\mu e_R) \\ & \left. + \eta_{SC} (\bar{q}_L^i d_R u_L) (\bar{e}_R e_L l_L^i) + h.c \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $l_L = (\nu, e)_L$ and $q_L = (u, d)_L$, $L(R)$ denotes the left(right) helicity projection, SC denotes scalar channel, and τ_a are Pauli matrices. The compositeness scale Λ is chosen so that the coupling $g_0^2/4\pi=1$ and largest $|\eta_{ij}|=1$. We set limit on compositeness scale Λ for LL , RR , RL and LR terms of equation 1. The choice of coupling coefficients η_{ij} for these models are shown in the following table:

Model	η_{LL}	η_{RR}	η_{LR}	η_{RL}
LL^\pm	± 1	0	0	0
RR^\pm	0	± 1	0	0
LR^\pm	0	0	± 1	0
RL^\pm	0	0	0	± 1
VV^\pm	± 1	± 1	± 1	± 1
AA^\pm	± 1	± 1	∓ 1	∓ 1

The VV and AA denote vector and axial vector coupling.

II. DATA SELECTION

We use the Run 1 data taken in 1992-1993 and 1994-1995 collider run corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 120.9 pb^{-1} . The dielectron trigger requires two EM clusters of 7 GeV at level 1, one of which has an energy of 12 GeV with EM fraction of 85% at level 1.5. This is a hardware trigger. In level 2 two EM clusters of 20 GeV with loose quality and isolation cuts are selected.

Electron identification is defined with two categories: “tight” and “loose”.

A tight electron satisfies the following criteria: the calorimeter cluster has high electromagnetic fraction($> 95\%$); the cluster shape (transversely and longitudinally) is consistent with that expected for an electron; the cluster is isolated from other calorimeter activity,

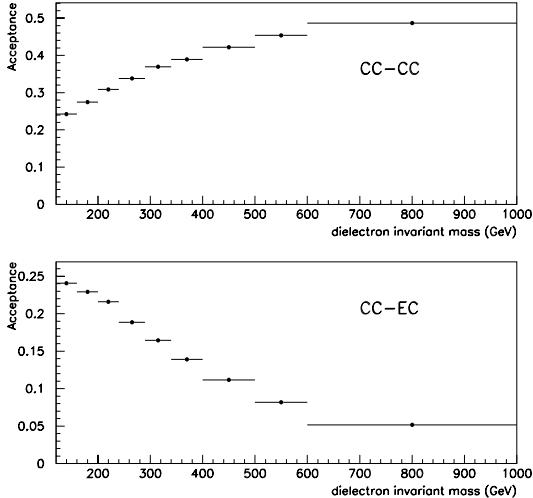


FIG. 1. Acceptance calculated for Drell-Yan events.

and there is a good quality track matched with the cluster. This last criteria is not imposed for a loose electron.

In addition, electrons are restricted to the pseudorapidity region $|\eta| < 1.1$ for Central Calorimeter(CC), and $1.5 < |\eta| < 2.5$ for the End Calorimeter. Electrons in CC near the calorimeter module edges are removed by requiring $|\phi_e - \phi_{edge}| > 0.05$.

Dielectron event selection requires either both electrons central(CC-CC), or one electron central and other electron forward(CC-EC). Every event requires at least one tight electron, second electron could be tight or loose. Forward electrons are always required to be tight. Both electrons are required to have $E_T > 25$ GeV

III. ACCEPTANCE

The acceptance of dielectron events in $p\bar{p}$ collisions is defined as the fraction of events in which both electrons pass the fiducial and kinematic cuts. We calculate the acceptance using dielectron events from Drell-Yan process, generated using PYTHIA. The detector simulation is performed using parametric Monte Carlo. Figure 1 shows the dependence of acceptance with respect to dielectron invariant mass window around Z mass. MRSA' parton distribution functions (pdf) is used.

IV. ELECTRON IDENTIFICATION EFFICIENCY

The offline selection efficiencies for electrons are determined using the $Z \rightarrow ee$ data sample. One tight electron tags the event so that other electron can be used to calculate efficiencies. The events are chosen in mass window around Z mass.

SELECTION CUTS	CC	EC
Loose electron id	$92.9 \pm 0.7\%$	–
Tight electron id	$74.1 \pm 0.6\%$	$52.6 \pm 1.0\%$

Triggers are fully efficient in the high dielectron invariant mass region. The combined dielectron identification efficiency is $81.4 \pm 1.4\%$ for CC-CC electrons, and $47.9 \pm 1.0\%$ for CC-EC electrons.

The mass dependence of dielectron identification efficiency is studied using GEANT based detector simulation. It shows the efficiency to be independent of dielectron mass.

V. BACKGROUNDS

The major background source is QCD jets being misidentified as electrons. Taking an unbiased jet sample which is free of electrons we estimate the probability of a jet to be misidentified as an electron. The probability depends on jet E_T and electron category. Probability of a jet with 100 GeV E_T to be misidentified as a tight electron is about 0.0008 and a loose electron is about 0.0018. The significance of this background is due to the large QCD cross section. Contributions from multijet and γ -jet events are estimated independently.

The choice of electron selection categories permits a photon to be identified as an electron. The following sources are also considered for background estimation

- $W\gamma \rightarrow ee$
- $Z\gamma \rightarrow ee$
- $t\bar{t} \rightarrow ee$
- $WW \rightarrow ee$
- $\gamma^*/Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow ee$

We generate these process using PYTHIA and then simulate for detector effects using parametric Monte Carlo. We find these backgrounds to be small in the high dielectron invariant mass region.

VI. CROSS SECTION CALCULATION AND K FACTOR

We calculate the cross section for Drell-Yan+contact term process using the matrix elements provided in [3], [4]. These cross sections being leading order, are corrected for higher order processes using a K-factor. The K-factor is defined to be ratio of NNLO Drell-Yan cross section from [6] to LO Drell-Yan cross section calculation.

VII. LIMIT CALCULATION AND RESULTS

Figure 2 shows the event distribution of dielectron data. Figure 2 also shows normalized event distributions expected from Drell-Yan and Drell-Yan+contact interaction processes. Background is added to theoretical expectation. The effects of kinematic and fiducial cuts and detector smearing are simulated using a parametric Monte Carlo. The theoretical expectations are normalized to the data using luminosity of data, dielectron identification efficiency and K-factor. We observe no deviation from the Standard Model.

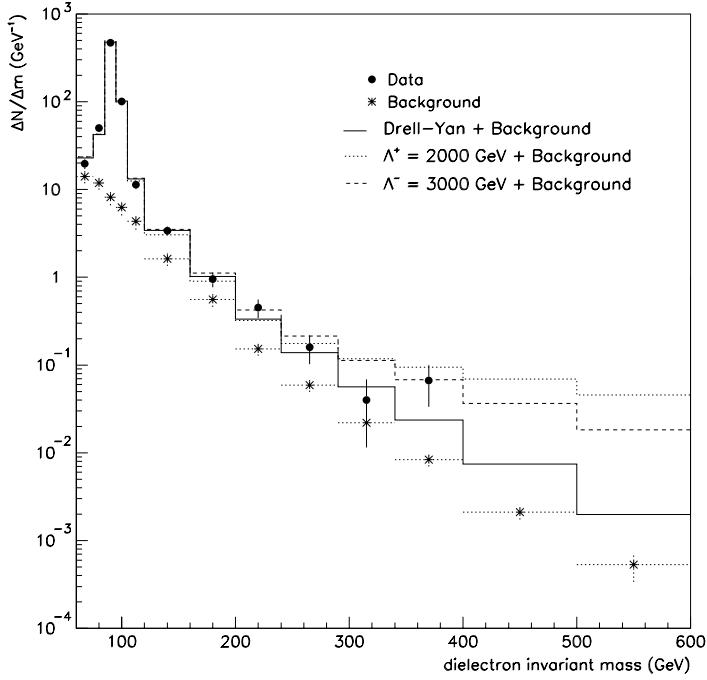


FIG. 2. Event distribution of dielectron data. The corresponding distributions for theoretical expectations are also shown, where the effects of kinematic and fiducial cuts and detector smearing are folded into the theory, and the theory is normalized to the data luminosity, dielectron identification efficiency and K factor. Background is added to theoretical expectation. Errors shown are statistical.

In a model of composite quarks and leptons, the expected number of events N_Λ^k in the k^{th} invariant mass bin for a compositeness scale Λ can be written in the form

$$N_\Lambda^k = b^k + \mathcal{L} \epsilon_\Lambda^k \sigma_\Lambda^k \quad (2)$$

where b^k is the expected background, \mathcal{L} is the luminosity of data, ϵ_Λ^k is the signal efficiency and σ_Λ^k is the cross section predicted by the compositeness model.

The probability of the observed distribution of dielectron events, with N_0^k events in k^{th} bin, given the expected distribution due to compositeness with scale Λ can be written as

$$P(d|b_\Lambda \mathcal{L} \epsilon_\Lambda \sigma_\Lambda) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{e^{-N_\Lambda^k} N_\Lambda^k N_0^k}{N_0^k!} \quad (3)$$

Using the Bayes technique the above probability is inverted to obtain Posterior probability density $P(\Lambda|d)$. Variation of $P(\Lambda|d)$ with respect to Λ is shown for positive and negative interference in figure 3. Confidence limit is calculated from the plot of cumulative probability density also shown in figure 3. The Λ value at which the cumulative probability density equals 0.95 is the 95% CL limit on Λ .

For different contact interaction models, 95% CL lower limit on energy scale of compositeness Λ is shown in the following table:

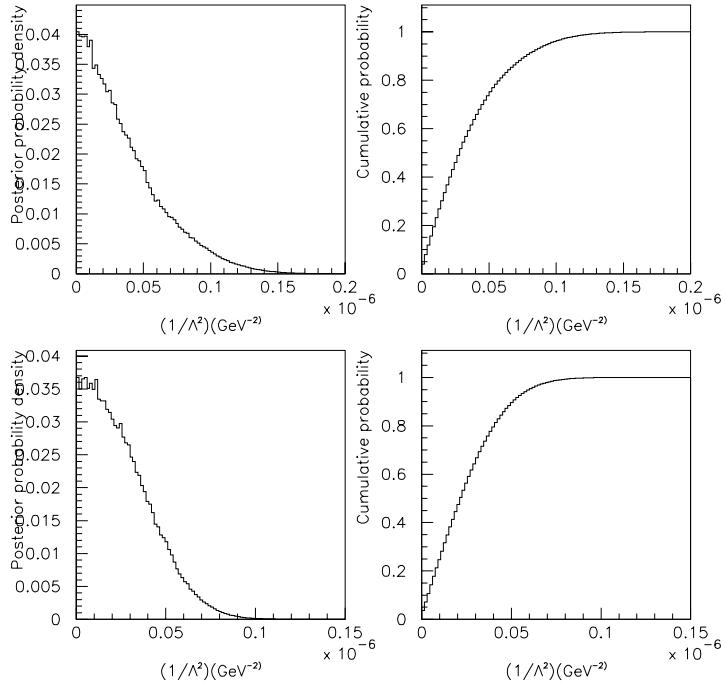


FIG. 3. Confidence level of compositeness scale Λ calculated using cumulative probability for positive and negative interference terms for the *LL* model.

Model	Λ^+ (GeV)	Λ^- (GeV)
<i>LL</i>	3300	4200
<i>RR</i>	3300	4000
<i>LR</i>	3400	3600
<i>RL</i>	3300	3700
<i>VV</i>	4900	6100
<i>AA</i>	4700	5500

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

Using the Run 1 data, we have studied the dielectron invariant mass spectrum at high mass. We find that the observed number of events are consistent with the Standard Model prediction and the expected backgrounds. We set limits on the cross section for quark-electron contact interactions due to compositeness. The 95% lower limit varies from $\Lambda^+ = 3300$ GeV in RR model to $\Lambda^- = 6100$ GeV in VV model.

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